

**DENTAL BOARD[650]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to authorized scope of practice of dental hygienists  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Dental Board hereby proposes to amend Chapter 10, “General Requirements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 153.15.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 153.15.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed amendment clarifies that the application of silver diamine fluoride by dental hygienists is permitted as part of the scope of practice.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to rule 650—7.4(17A,147,153).

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 2022. Comments should be directed to:

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*Public Hearing*

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend subrule 10.3(1) as follows:

**10.3(1)** ~~“Practice of dental hygiene” as defined~~ The scope of practice for dental hygienists as established in Iowa Code section 153.15 means the performance of the following educational, therapeutic, preventive and diagnostic dental hygiene services. Such services, except educational services, shall be delegated by and performed under the supervision of a dentist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 153.

*a.* No change.

*b.* Therapeutic. Identifying and evaluating factors which indicate the need for and performing (1) oral prophylaxis, which includes supragingival and subgingival debridement of plaque, and detection and removal of calculus with instruments or any other devices; (2) periodontal scaling and root planing; (3) removing and polishing hardened excess restorative material; (4) administering local anesthesia with the proper permit; (5) administering nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia in accordance with ~~650—subrules 29.6(4) and 29.6(5)~~ 650—subrule 29.3(3); (6) applying or administering medicaments prescribed by a dentist, including chemotherapeutic agents and medicaments or therapies for the treatment of periodontal disease and caries; (7) removal of adhesives.

*c.* Preventive. Applying pit and fissure sealants and other medications, including silver diamine fluoride, or methods for caries and periodontal disease control; organizing and administering fluoride rinse or sealant programs.

*d.* to g. No change.